

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification to correct certain minor informalities.

Claim 1 has been amended to correct a misspelling.

New Claims 6 through 10, inclusive, have been added to more clearly define applicants' invention directed to the components of a pinion carrier.

No new matter has been added.

The Examiner has indicated that the application contains claims directed to two distinct inventions; namely, 1) Claims directed to the components of a pinion carrier, and 2) Claims directed to the process of making a pinion carrier.

Because these inventions are distinct, the Examiner has required the applicants to restrict the present application to one of the inventions.

In response to the Office Action dated June 6, 2004, the applicants elect to prosecute claims directed to the components of a pinion carrier. The claims which read on the elected invention are:

Claims 1 and newly submitted Claims 6 through 10, inclusive.

Applicants propose to cancel Claims 2-5 directed to the process for inclusion in a divisional application to be filed prior to the allowance of the claims to the elected invention.

Favorable consideration of the merits of the claims directed to the elected invention is respectfully requested.